IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Serial No. (unknown)

Filed herewith

DEVICE FOR AUTOMATICALLY SORTING PERIODIC DATA RECORDS

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-6.

Add the following new claims:

--7. (new) A device for automatically sorting periodic data records, in particular for representing the motion of parts in the human body from individual images, characterized in that an examination monitor with a storage device for the data records is assigned a measuring and evaluation device which measures in the data records two separate points or a line of the moving part and, on the

basis of their changes in distance or phase shifts, sorts the data records into a cyclic sequence.--

- --8. (new) The device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the cyclically ordered data records are combined to form a film.--
- --9. (new) The device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the waveform on which the periodicity is based can be prescribed by an input device.--
- --10. (new) The device as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the waveforms comprise triangles, rectangles or sinusoidal curves.--
- --11. (new) The device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the data records are images recorded stroboscopically without defined frequency and phase relationships.--
- --12. (new) The device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the data records are individual images of X-ray pictures or of MR pictures.--

## REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

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